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## HAYTI'S CITY ELECTION

### BIG INTEREST; BIG VOTE

Women Work Throughout the Day. Stand at Polls. Drive Cars. Bring in Voters. Good Humor and Satisfaction Over Results.

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For Alderman, Ward No. 1:  
I. Kohn -----169  
Chas. J. Morgan ----- 80  
Kohn's majority ----- 89

For Alderman, Ward No. 2:  
W. H. (Bill) Finch -----210  
J. S. (Sycamore) Sturm -----122  
Finch's majority ----- 88  
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The people of Hayti had a city election Tuesday.

Every vote was counted as cast. Nobody has any doubt about that. The people got up before daylight and remained steadily on the job until after the sun had reposed beyond the evening's shadows.

Before daylight Tuesday morning large numbers of men and not a few women had gathered around the designated voting places.

All the appointed judges arrived and served with one exception, C. S. Reynolds substituting for J. W. Gaither being slightly sick.

Men and women who had never taken interest in elections before further than to vote, if they did that, were present and worked throughout the day. Particular credit, however, is due Mrs. L. L. Leffer, Mrs. O. H. Bryant, Mrs. O. B. Davis, Mrs. T. A. McNeil, Mrs. H. J. Reinhard, Mrs. Al Hoge and several others who did their full duty, and set an example that the ladies of Hayti will do well to follow in the future.

One thing the day will be remembered for, and that is the good humor and community spirit that prevailed. All of the unpleasantness that happened came from an expected source and is too insignificant to deserve notice in a record that was so near, unanimous.

As the figures at the top of this column will show, Mr. Kohn and Mr. Finch won by overwhelming majorities. This result was apparent from early morning till the close of the polls. At no time was there any doubt as to who would prove the winners, the only question being how large their majorities would be and which were piled up to such an extent that the spirit of unanimity should prevail, and for all we know, does prevail.

The results of Tuesday's election is only the voice of the people actively expressed. There was but one issue involved: "To make Hayti a better town to live in." It was neither "wet" nor "dry," Democrat or Republican. The victory was for all the people, losers and winners, who desire a betterment of conditions in general.

The newly elected councilmen met with the old, Wednesday evening and were sworn in. Quite an interesting meeting was had, and while considerable business was discussed, very little of importance was transacted. The outgoing members of the board retired with the best of feelings, and no doubt will be among the staunchest supporters of the new administration, and in that respect, by their experience, can render valuable aid.

The members of the new board expressed desire to have visits and suggestions from the people on any and all matters intended for the betterment of the town.

In this election a "community spirit" has been born that should be cultivated, and grow with age until it becomes an irresistible power for right, thus to command such respect as to be both loved and feared.

#### NOTES.

If you don't like the way the election went, blame the women. They did it, or the most of it. That was what Adam did—lay it on the women.

The Missouri Herald is thinking more of the betterment of Hayti as a whole than of the private interest

of any individual or faction of individuals.

Hayti is a corporation in which all citizens are partners—Democrats, Republicans and all others. The affairs of the town is simply a business enterprise in which we all suffer or prosper alike, according to the detriment or the betterment of the town. The town, therefore, must be governed for the interest of the people and by the people. When we come to do this, watch us move forward as we never have done before.

The Missouri Herald does not want to see Hayti run by either Democrats or Republicans, but by the people, who compose both parties.

No comments upon the results of the city election would be complete that failed to mention the valuable work of H. J. Reinhard. He was one of the most enthusiastic of all the men behind the movement. It may be said that he started first, kept on the job and did not cease until it was finished. His enthusiasm enthused others until the sentiment of progress had spread to such an extent that its force became irresistible. He is one of the most progressive citizens Hayti ever had and spares neither time nor money to advance the betterment of the community.

If our fading memory is not at fault there is an injunction in the Bible which says: "Come out from among them." This should command the thoughtful consideration of our neighbors who try to better their condition but fall under overpowering conditions and odds.

If we should be permitted to submit a motto to our newly elected board of aldermen it would be the advice of David Crockett: "Be sure you are right, then go ahead." While relief is needed quickly, it is far more important to be sure of being right about what is done. The people are not expecting everything to be done in a day, a week, a month or even a year. The first thing is to find out where we are "at" before taking any leaps. Past precedent should be abandoned. It is not a question of what has been done, but of whether it is lawful and right, and needful to the best interest of the community that should govern all action.

What has become of the fellows who said the women of Hayti didn't know how to vote?

Last Tuesday, April 4, 1922, A. D., the people of Hayti got up before daylight and remained steadily on the job until after sundown. And they brought home the bacon.

The defeated candidates and their friends should join the winning side, and let us all go from here together.

Perhaps several things were said and done in the recent city election that should not have been said and done, but we can all be good sports and forget. It takes that to be a good American and we all are good Americans.

The Missouri Herald indulged in no personalities in the recent city election. All the candidates were treated exactly alike so far as it became necessary for either side to repose confidence in us. The things we advocated before the election we shall continue to advocate with increased persistence—that is to make Hayti a better town for us all to live in. If that purpose and commitment on our part finds disfavor in any quarter, we want it frankly understood that we have no apologies to offer for the stand taken.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Court at Caruthersville took a lay-off this week, having adjourned last Saturday to meet again next Monday. This gave everybody connected therewith a chance to "catch his breath" and avoided creating a "hot box" in the machine.

Considerable routine business was transacted since our last report, and yet the docket is said to be quite lengthy, being mostly civil suits.

The most important criminal case to be disposed of was that of George Lott, a negro, who was charged with killing Bill Smith, another negro. After the trial jury heard what the witnesses and the lawyers had to say they thought Lott was due the state about ten years of his time and so rendered their verdict. The misunderstanding that led to the slaughter was not occasioned by Lott's wife looking back as he moved out of town to escape an approaching cyclone of fire, but in this instance Smith undertook to pull the obdurate woman away from Lott's domicile. Smith was using sufficient force to accomplish his purpose, and was throwing in a little extra force for good measure, which caused the woman to emit a series of screams for aid that appealed to Lott to do his duty as a peace-maker, which he did in an effective way. He fired a charge of shot from a shotgun into Smith's head, and he (Smith) immediately became quite for keeps. But Lott, the jury thought, wasn't altogether to blame, Smith having also threatened to do him "great bodily harm," if he didn't cease his butting into the adjustment the deceased was laboring to make with his wife. Smith didn't seem to fear Lott's threatening shotgun and paid no attention to warning to desist until the weapon belched its contents of lead and smoke into his face, after which there was no further use to "argufy." But ten years is a hard lot for Lott, merely because he assumed the role of "peacemaker," and could apparently accomplish his purpose in no other way than he did.

Another negro, David Laster, pread guilty to carrying a smoke-gun concealed about his "pusson" and the court thought he should have two years to think over where the state's stone walls would protect him from such bad habits, at least for the duration of the two years.

As said, a lot of civil cases were disposed of in all the various ways that they may be, but there is yet remaining a long string of complaints to be adjusted, which the court will undertake to do, beginning again next Monday.

## PENALTY ON CITY TAX

Among the business transacted by the new board of aldermen Tuesday evening in their first meeting was to place a penalty of 1 per cent per month upon the delinquent city taxes, as is required by law. In addition to this, the collector will be allowed 2 per cent for making collection on all back taxes. It is therefore important that all those who can pay do so as early as possible so as to avoid extra cost.

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## PASSANGER TRAIN DERAILED

The north bound passenger of the Frisco, known as 806, due to pass here about midnight, was wrecked last night at about 11:30 just south of Steele.

The engine, baggage and mail car, and day smoker left the track, the baggage car turning over. That no one was seriously hurt is miraculous. So far as we can learn this morning only the express messenger and a colored woman passenger were hurt, and they but slightly.

The passengers in the regular coaches, while considerably shaken up escaped injury.

It is not known definitely what caused the wreck, but from appearances it is believed the rails spread.

It was nine o'clock this morning before the delayed train passed thru Hayti, rather a special train that went to the relief of the passengers and crew.

The switcher and wrecking crew was called from Blytheville, and the entire half of the night was consumed in clearing the wreckage.

In Hayti the special car occupied by the St. Louis Cardinals, enroute to their home, was held until this morning, when they were picked up by the special, or delayed train.

## BOY SHOT TO DEATH BY RAIL DETECTIVE

Malden, April 6.—Irwin Spanks, a 19-year-old boy from Central City, Ky., was shot and almost instantly killed in the Cotton Belt Railroad yards here last night by Josh Harp, a railroad detective.

Spanks and a companion, Ben Mercer, both miners, were on their way to Texas in search of employment. They were on a freight train and were compelled to get off by Harp, who followed them on a switch engine to the edge of town where the shooting took place. Harp was spirited to jail at Konnett.

Coroner Rigdon held an inquest this afternoon and the verdict of the Coroner's jury was that Spanks came to death from a gunshot wound at the hands of Harp.

## RIVER COMMISSION

The Mississippi River Commission will leave St. Louis next Monday on the steamer Mississippi, bound for New Orleans. Stops will be made en route to hear complaints from citizens or levee boards. The steamer probably will not reach Caruthersville before the middle or the last of next week.

## FLOOD DANGER OVER

While there was never any danger of a levee break in this section all danger of a serious flood has passed. The upper river are nearly all within their banks and the Mississippi has fallen here to a considerable extent, and is dropping rapidly.

Hon. R. L. Ward and Harry Litzeferner of Caruthersville were in Hayti today seeing after business matters.

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## NO REDISTRICTING OF CIRCUIT JUDGE DISTRICTS

Pemiscot and New Madrid to Remain Joined. Political Gerrymanders Defeated. Von Mayes Stung by Judgeship Bee.

### MONKEY-SHINES CONTINUE.

"You are making a monkey-face at the jury," roared Everett Reeves in his bass-drum voice, shaking his finger at Prosecuting Attorney Ralph Hutchison, Thursday of last week, as the one prosecuted and the other defended John Vaughn and Tom Riley, on trial in Circuit court at Caruthersville, charged with too much familiarity with a certain "White Mule," too well known to need further description here.

When Hutchison came to the bat he modestly suggested that it was pertinent to the issue raised to have it explained what sort of a "gorilla" Reeves was.

Reeves is bigger than Hutchison. The gorilla is bigger than the monkey, hence the propriety of the question. So, if Hutchison had a "monkey face," what sort of face had the big walrus, Reeves? But Reeves stood upon his "constitutional rights" with both feet. He refused to answer. The law is kind. It protects all men from giving self-convicting evidence.

But the serious point involved is that if Hutchison is a monkey and Reeves a gorilla, the reflection is cast upon us all. To admit the implication is to confirm Darwinism. Therein came the direct attack upon the Court, which while human can under no circumstances allow itself to be converted into any of the baboon family, even for the temporary use of buffooning lawyers. So, when the Court was inferentially dubbed a "monkey-faced gorilla" that tribunal immediately, as duty demanded, hove to and signalled "Ahoy!" A five-dollar fine was plastered to Hutchison's official back and his "sheep-skin" temporarily confiscated. This proceeding had the effect upon Hutchison to make him "mule," balk, sull. He had not been given the information asked for and refused to pay for something he had not got, and had no flattering prospect of ever getting.

Such actions on the part of the prosecuting attorney only went to further complicate an already tangled situation, whereupon the real monkey-shines began, corroborating Darwin's theory more than any explanation Reeves could have given.

What happened after this was told exclusively in the last issue of The Missouri Herald, the paper that prints the news while it is alive and kicking, not after it has to be rescued from the morgue and undergone the last stage of decomposition.

As stated, the prosecuting attorney continued to "monkey." He put his back to the wall, showed his teeth and refused to budge one iota, jot or tittle. In other words, he refused to come across with the five bones. The Court was also equally obdurate and ordered the sheriff to remand the sullen specimen to the proper cage, but the sheriff was satisfied the captured, if tethered to the end of a blue ribbon, would keep safely for the time being. So he, the sheriff, took all precautions in that line necessary.

But just here evolution came to the rescue of the seemingly hopeless complexity. Hon. R. L. Ward, member of the firm of Ward & Reeves, attorneys, showed by his acts that he had crawled further away from the jungle land than his embroiled fellows. Fellows? No, that isn't grammatical in its referential. Monkeys are not fellows of human bipeds. But this is a narrative of complexities, not a treatise on grammar. Mr. Ward acted the role of Good Samaritan. From his pocket he drew—no, not a gun—his roll of greens, peeled off a five that filled the legal hiatus created by his partner, Reeves, in refusing to reply to the question of biology propounded him, or maybe it was the Court that enjoined the reply that created the aching void. Anyway, there was a void, rapidly

Senator Von Mayes of Caruthersville, informs us by 'phone this morning that he is just in receipt of a telegram from A. T. Dum, an attorney of Jefferson City that the Supreme Court has decided that the present status of the Circuit Court Judicial Districts of Missouri is inviolable. That means that this district and all the others in the state will not be broken up and changed to suit a small bunch of political gerrymanders—not for the present.

The Supreme Court pointed out that the General Assembly had passed a judicial redistricting bill, and that this had been submitted to referendum. Judge Walker then points out that the Legislature at an extra session passed another law mapping out judicial districts. Walker and his Democratic associates on the Supreme Court hold that when a bill has been passed by the Legislature, approved by the Governor and submitted by referendum to a vote of the people, the Legislature's hands are tied and that it cannot repeal the law or amend it in any particular, or enact another law upon the same subject until the voters have voted.

That means that candidates for office where vacancies will soon exist can now "throw their hats in the ring" with some hope of not losing both the rings and the hats.

New Madrid and Pemiscot will not be divorced but will continue to conjugate in the same happy felicity that has created a feeling of kinship.

The Missouri Herald has no idea how many candidates the Circuit Court Judgeship Bee has stung for the filling of the coming vacancy in this district, but it knows of one that is likely to get stung badly if he don't manage to dodge the persistence of his hordes of friends who think he would fit the office in every particular, requirement and detail, like a kid glove fits the hand, and the first letters of his name is—Von Mayes.

Capt. B. F. Allen made a business trip to Caruthersville Wednesday.

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widening into an unbridgeable chasm. As was intended, the fever had an ameliorating effect upon the embarrassing entanglement, automatically expunging the records of all traces of a development entirely foreign to the regular dock-et.

But even that magnanimous act did not operate to immediately quell the monkey-shines now so well to the fore of the stage. Friday night, the day after, the fast Frisco passenger, as it rolled northward, bore the prosecuting attorney away on his journey to the capitol of Missouri, where he went to interview the Attorney-general, presumably upon the information as to the analogy of Reeves, so forcibly denied him in the lower court by the limb which he occupied being sawed off by himself, or some other person, to him unknown, all the same in effect and consequences. When he arrived, he presented his handsome face as documentary evidence, which was sufficient to establish a complete alibi to Reeves' allegation, and the State official, thereupon, it is said, advised the county official to run on back home and not take the matter so seriously, which would go further than anything else to prove that Reeves was out of order and out of his mind when he made the charge. It is said, however, that the county official, though re-instated, with his sheep-skin without a missing hair, is determined to go to the very bottom of the matter, having in contemplation resort to a writ of certiorari, which, if served effect-ly, would determine which variety of monkeys can swing to the limb the longest by his tail and the while throw the most cocoanuts at the antediluvian face of his door neighbor, also in like manner swinging to a limb by his tail.

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